



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.V. Bladen Attorney Docket No.: ENGD121757
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 11, 2005, applicant hereby elects Invention I (Claims 1-31), drawn to a quick connect assembly. Applicant further hereby elects Species I (FIGURES 1-3). Applicant is electing Invention I and Species I without traverse. Applicant notes that at least the independent claims (Claims 1 and 20) are generic.

Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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